

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Application No. 09/887,139

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16-19 and 21-22 are rejected. Claims 6, 9, 12, 15, 20 and 23 are allowed. Applicants have cancelled all of the rejected claims. A typographical error has been corrected in claim 15 and does not raise new issues or require further search or consideration.

Drawings

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the drawings.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16-19, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arndt et al (5,724,510). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

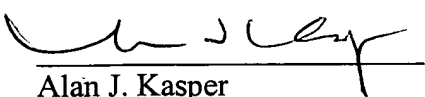
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